



DRAFT MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 20, 2019 | 1:15 p.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Chair
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson, Chair
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Ronald Winterton
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard
Rep. Steve R. Christiansen
Rep. Marsha Judkins
Rep. Karen Kwan
Rep. Merrill F. Nelson
Rep. Adam Robertson
Rep. Lawanna Shurtliff
Rep. Raymond P. Ward
Rep. Elizabeth Weight

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. David G. Buxton
Rep. Kyle R. Andersen
Rep. Walt Brooks
Rep. Dan N. Johnson

Staff Present:

Mr. Art L. Hunsaker, Policy Analyst
Mr. Ryan M. Hunter, Policy Analyst
Mr. Kurt P. Gasser, Associate General Counsel
Mr. Gus Harb, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Cherish Cosman, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Harper called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

1 . Committee Business

2 . Required Report: Feasibility of Transitioning a Large Public Transit District into a State Entity

[2 - Feasibility Study: UTA Transition to a State Entity](#)

Lyle McMillan, Director of Strategic Investment, Department of Transportation, Carlton Christensen, Board Chair, Utah Transit Authority, and David Eisenlower, Baker Tilly, LLP, updated the committee on the progress of the transition study, explained options for next steps, and responded to committee questions.

3 . Draft Legislation, "State Highway System Modifications"

[3 - 2020 General Session Draft Legislation "State Highway System Modifications"](#)

Linda Hull, Legislative Director, Utah Department of Transportation, discussed the background information leading to draft legislation "State Highway System Modifications" (2020FL0884-004), spoke to the details in the draft legislation, and answered questions from the committee.

A vote on the draft legislation, "State Highway System Modifications" was delayed until a committee quorum could be obtained.

4 . Draft legislation, "Towing Signage Revisions"

[4 - 2020 General Session Draft Legislation "Towing Signage Revisions"](#)

[4A - Towing Signage Presentation](#)

Rep. Cory Maloy presented the draft legislation "Towing Signage Revisions" (2020FL0175-010) and its objectives, and answered committee questions.

Rep. Cory Maloy quoted from a letter attributed to Brian Brown, Principal Broker, Parker Brown Real Estate, writing in favor of the draft legislation.

Steve Russell, President of Utah Professional Tower Alliance (UPTA), spoke in favor of "Towing Signage Revisions."

Neil Schultz, President of Ogden-Weber Towing Association, UPTA, responded to previous committee questions and spoke in favor of the draft legislation.

Gary Williams, Ogden City, spoke in favor of the focus of the draft legislation and the process to draft it and answered questions from the committee.

Cameron Diehl, Director of Government Relations, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke in favor of the "Towing Signage Revisions."

Matt Kirchner, Manager, SKG Management Company, spoke in favor of the draft legislation and spoke to its fairness.

Rep Cory Maloy continued answering committee questions.

MOTION: Rep. Judkins moved to approve as a committee bill, "Towing Signage Revisions."

Committee discussion concerning the motion and draft legislation continued.

Gary Williams responded to committee questions and comments and committee discussion continued.

The committee voted on the motion to approve the draft legislation as a committee bill. passed with a vote of 10 - 1 - 7.

Yeas-10

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Christofferson
Sen. W. Harper
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. L. Shurtliff
Rep. R. Ward
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-1

Rep. M. Nelson

Absent-7

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. K. Andersen
Rep. W. Brooks
Sen. D. Buxton
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. D. Johnson
Sen. R. Winterton

5 . Committee Business

MOTION: Rep. Robertson moved to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2019 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-12

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Christofferson
Sen. W. Harper
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. L. Shurtliff
Rep. R. Ward
Rep. E. Weight
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0Absent-6

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. K. Andersen
Rep. W. Brooks
Sen. D. Buxton
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. D. Johnson

6 . Draft Legislation, "State Highway System Modifications"

MOTION: Sen. Winterton moved to approve as a committee bill, "State Highway System Modifications." The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-12

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Christofferson
Sen. W. Harper
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. L. Shurtliff
Rep. R. Ward
Rep. E. Weight
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0Absent-6

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. K. Andersen
Rep. W. Brooks
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7 . Draft letter: Alternative Methods of Providing Federal Transportation Funding to States[5 - Letter](#)

Rep. Robertson explained the background information leading to the draft letter, presented the letter, and answered questions from the committee.

Committee discussion regarding the draft letter continued.

Carlos Braceras, Executive Director, Utah Department Of Transportation, responded to questions from the committee regarding federal transportation funds.

Committee discussion continued.

MOTION: Rep. Ward moved to amend paragraphs five through seven of the draft letter to read "To provide states with greater discretion to target specific transportation needs, we recommend a performance and outcome-based pilot program allowing a few selected states, such as Utah, to treat all the transportation funding that comes to the state as a single block grant. The state would then report to the federal government regarding its use of the funds. Any such pilot program implemented by the federal government could be extended or made permanent based on the results and effectiveness of its implementation." The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-13

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Christofferson
Sen. W. Harper
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. L. Shurtliff
Rep. R. Ward
Rep. E. Weight
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. K. Andersen
Rep. W. Brooks
Sen. D. Buxton
Rep. D. Johnson

MOTION: Rep. Ward moved to approve the amended letter and to send it to the members of Utah's congressional delegation. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-13

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Christofferson
Sen. W. Harper
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. L. Shurtliff
Rep. R. Ward
Rep. E. Weight
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. K. Andersen
Rep. W. Brooks
Sen. D. Buxton
Rep. D. Johnson

8 . Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Ballard moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-13

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Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Christofferson
Sen. W. Harper
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Rep. K. Kwan
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. M. Nelson
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Rep. L. Shurtliff
Rep. R. Ward
Rep. E. Weight
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0Absent-5

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. K. Andersen
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Chair Harper adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.